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Using new tech to survey Philly's homeless youth

Support. Digital technology is helping efforts to survey Philly's homeless youth, a majority of whom identify as LGBT.

Researchers using new technology designed to improve accuracy hit the streets last week, talking with homeless youth.

"The numbers are a snapshot of the current housing insecurity many young adults in Philly face," said Valerie Johnson, Development Director for the Greater Philadelphia Valley Youth House (VYH), which on Monday will release a report on its first-ever all-digital survey.

"We surveyed approximately 100 participants with only 50 percent fully completing the survey, so now we're using better tools to strengthen our count logistics," Johnson said.

Last Wednesday, new electronic survey pads were used for the first time during an evening survey.

Past surveys by VYH show that 54 percent of Philadelphia's homeless youth identify as LGBTQ, drastically higher than the national average of around 30 percent.

"I don't know where I'm going to live when the pope comes, a lot of these shelters are already turning us away," said Dashawna Pitts, 21, who has been homeless for the past year and was part of the survey on Wednesday. Tears rolled down her face as she sat at LOVE Park, describing how she has not seen her 8-month-old son since giving birth.

"My foster parents kicked me out when they found out I was bisexual," Pitts said. "They feared that I would influence my newborn and other kids in the house because of my homosexuality. … I'm trying to keep my faith but it's hard."

"When I turned 21, my mother wanted me to find my own way — I was kicked out," said Alex Covington, 23. Covington, who is now a transgender man, experienced instant homelessness while "transitioning without the proper support and outlet."

Once aware of the support groups at VYH, Covington was able to use its resources to help pay his rent for two months while he was working to finance his surgical transitioning procedure and recovery.

"I gained full financial independence last November and Valley Youth House helped make that possible," said Covington, who now works for the nonprofit as a receptionist.

"Our elected officials need to wake up and do more to support services and groups that are in these communities helping to fix this problem," Covington said. "Otherwise, this is going to become an embarrassment for Philly."

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Above, Hannah Righter interviews Natasha during a Youth Count survey in LOVE Park; below, Frank Taddie interviews Damere. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER

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"A lot of factors play a role in why there's a growing LGBT youth housing insecurity problem in Philadelphia. … Non-acceptance and family rejection are prevalent ones."

Sarah Morrison,
PRIDE Life Skills Counselor for VYH

Crash. Off-duty PPD sergeant dies in weekend crash

The Philadelphia police sergeant who died over the weekend in a high-speed single-vehicle car crash in Roxborough was identified Sunday as Sgt. Rafael Ali.

Ali, 32, a 10-year veteran of the force, was assigned to the 39th District in North Philly. Reports said he was a father of two.

Ali was driving a 2007 Dodge Ram pickup truck on the 6000 block of Henry Avenue near DuPont Street when the vehicle went onto the grassy median of the street, continued for 150 feet and hit a tree around 11:43 p.m. on Saturday, reports said.

First responders removed Ali from the car and brought him to Albert Einstein Medical Center where he was pronounced dead at 12:20 a.m., reports said.

Alcohol was not a factor in the crash, police said, but Ali was reportedly driving faster than the 35 mph speed limit.

Investigators are probing the possibility that Ali may have fallen asleep at the wheel before he crashed. No skid marks or signs of braking were found at the crash scene, according to reports.

Ali had reportedly worked a shift that ended at 6 p.m. on Saturday.

No information was available about where he was driving or where he had come from at the time of the fatal crash.

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Philly public pools open for an extra week

Nine of Philly's public pools will stay open for an extra week.

Mayor Michael Nutter's spokesman, Mark McDonald, told Metro that the city's Parks and Recreation department wanted to keep the pools open because of the late Labor Day and school starting a bit later. The nine pools will close at the end of the day on Thurday, Aug. 27.

DAN KELLEY

Kids play in a public pool. FILE PHOTO

The nine pools staying open longer are the following:

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Officer Matthew Zagursky appears to threaten a motorist with having his car impounded if he didn't buy tickets to the Hero Thrill Show, a police charity. / PROVIDED

Cop in tickets video used anti-gay slurs

Video. An LGBT activist is troubled by the anti-gay remarks made during an apparent extortion attempt by a Philly cop.

An LGBT organizer said Sunday anti-gay slurs used by a police officer during a traffic stop is "disappointing."

"He's not the kind of cop I want protecting me," said LGBT community organizer Josh Schonewolf of Officer Matthew Zagursky.

Zagursky was placed on desk duty pending an investigation Friday after the video surfaced apparently showing Zagursky threaten to impound a motorist's car if he didn't buy tickets to the Hero Thrill Show, a police charity.

In a second video from the incident, available on Metro.us, Zagursky comments on the driver's pink windshield wipers, asking, "What's up with the f—t-ass wipers?"

"Anybody that's going to be so quick to use their power for wrong and is bullying someone to do something for his benefit … for someone keeping our streets safe, I don't know if he deserves our trust," Schonewolf said. "One would imagine they'd be training their squad a little bit better."

Commissioner Charles Ramsey told Metro a member of the command staff saw the video Thursday and immediately stripped Zagursky of his badge and his gun.

The nine-year veteran, assigned to the 24th District, was placed on desk duty, pending investigation.

"There's no excuse for his conduct at all," Ramsey said. "There's nothing good I can say."

The Hero Thrill Show raises money to help pay the college tuitions of children of police and firefighters who were killed in the line of duty.

"This guy has tainted that. We don't pressure people to buy tickets. We don't even pressure people internally to buy tickets, which I'm told is something that used to happen," Ramsey said.

Ramsey said he believed the video to be real, especially because of the recorded anti-gay remarks.

"I don't think this was staged," the commissioner said.

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Lebanese protesters chant slogans as riot police fire water cannons following a demonstration, organized by the "You Stink" campaign, to protest against the trash crisis. / GETTY IMAGES

Beirut protests turn violent again as PM threatens to quit

Unrest. Protesters have taken to the streets of Beirut as part of the "You Stink" campaign.

Protests against the Lebanese government turned violent for a second day on Sunday, and Prime Minister Tammam Salam threatened to resign as public discontent brought thousands into the streets.

Anger at the Salam-led unity cabinet grouping Lebanon's fractious politicians has come to a head over its failure to resolve a crisis over garbage disposal that reflects the wider failings of the weak state.

Salam's cabinet has been hamstrung by political and sectarian rivalries that have been exacerbated by wider crises in the Middle East, including the war in neighboring Syria.

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"The people want the downfall of the regime." Protesters chanted

Salam, in a televised address, warned that Lebanon was headed toward collapse and that a bigger problem than the trash crisis was the country's "political garbage."

Water cannon and tear gas were fired at protesters, and demonstrators threw rocks and sticks at riot police as violence flared near Salam's offices in central Beirut.

Security forces fired into the air, clouds of tear gas wafted through the streets and shop fronts were smashed as police tried to force protesters from the area.

Samer Abdullah, a 39-year-old activist, said: "People went out because they don't have power or electricity. They have a million problems, and the garbage problem is the tipping point." REUTERS

Beirut

The final straw

Salam, 70, has often expressed frustration at the failings of his government, which brings together the main Lebanese parties, including the Sunni-led Future Movement of Saad al-Hariri, Shi'ite Hezbollah and rival Christian parties.

The Salam government was formed with the blessing of rival regional powers Iran and Saudi Arabia, which exercise influence over rival Lebanese leaders.

Salam said that if a cabinet meeting scheduled for Thursday was not productive on issues, including a tender to decide on a new refuse collection company, "there would be no necessity for the government after it."

"I warn that we are going toward collapse if matters continue," Salam said in his address earlier in the day. REUTERS

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Train gunman 'dumbfounded' by terrorist tag, says was hungry: Lawyer

Early adult life. Khazzani is believed to have lived in Spain and was arrested for drug trafficking.

A gunman who attacked passengers on a high-speed train in France two days ago is "dumbfounded" at having been taken for an Islamist militant and said he only intended to rob people on board because he was hungry, his lawyer said on Sunday.

As details emerged of the gunman's early adult life in Spain, lawyer Sophie David said her client — now in detention near Paris — also looked ill and malnourished.

French and Spanish sources close to the case have identified him as a 26-year-old Moroccan named Ayoub el Khazzani who was known to European authorities as a suspected Islamist militant.

"[I saw] somebody who was very sick, somebody very weakened physically, as if he suffered from malnutrition, very, very thin and very haggard," David told BFMTV.

"He is dumbfounded by the terrorist motives attributed to his action," she added.

David said the man was barefoot and wore only a hospital shirt and boxer shorts for the police interrogation in Arras, northern France, where the train stopped after the incident.

The Moroccan told David he had found the Kalashnikov he had taken onto the train in a park near the Gare du Midi rail station in Brussels where he was in the habit of sleeping.

"A few days later he decided to get on a train that some other homeless people told him would be full of wealthy people traveling from Amsterdam to Paris and he hoped to feed himself by armed robbery," David said.

Police work on a platform at the main train station in Arras, northern France. / GETTY IMAGES

French Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve said on Saturday there had been "several shots" before the Moroccan was subdued by the passengers.

Cazeneuve said the man in custody, whom he did not name, had been "identified by the Spanish authorities to French intelligence services in February 2014 because of his connections to the radical Islamist movement."

Khazzani is believed to have lived in Spain for his early adult life and was arrested at least once for drug trafficking, according to Reuters sources. REUTERS

Gunman

Tracking his travels

Spanish security sources say Khazzani lived in Madrid between 2007 and 2010 before moving to the southern Spanish port of Algeciras. A community leader in the city told Reuters he had lived there with his family in El Saladillo, a neighborhood plagued by unemployment and drug-related crime.

According to the Spanish security sources, he traveled to France in 2014 and went to Syria. French security sources said he went to Berlin airport for a flight to Istanbul on May 10 this year. Turkey is a preferred flight destination for would-be jihadists heading for Syria.

At the mosque in El Saladillo, Kamal Cheddad, President of the Muslim Community for the south of the city, said he knew the young man, although the family did not attend the local mosque which Cheddad presides over.

"He was an ordinary young man, he played football, went fishing, he worked to make a living," Cheddad said. REUTERS

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New Hampshire.
Rain puts damper on topless beach protest

Rainy weather put a damper on a plan for hundreds of women to shed their tops at a popular New Hampshire beach on Sunday in a statement for gender equality, with only two or three dozen showing up.

More than 1,300 people had indicated they would attend the event at Hampton Beach. The gathering was inspired by "Free the Nipple," a 2014 documentary and a national movement that, in the words of its proponents, seeks to "stand against female oppression and censorship."

The Hampton Beach gathering coincided with "Go Topless Day," which is loosely observed in the United States and other countries.

Amid a persistent drizzle, the women gathered on a covered stage on the boardwalk, drawing attention and ogling from passersby. The boardwalk is across the street from a strip of hotels, souvenir shops, bars, arcades and casinos.

One of the participants, Jessica Wardell, said she took part to help make toplessness, and especially breast-feeding, more socially acceptable.

Most of the spectators were men, and many wielded cellphone cameras. A couple of female onlookers said they believed the site of the demonstration was not appropriate, given the number of families and children on the boardwalk. REUTERS

Quoted

"The main problem people have with breast-feeding is they sexualize breasts, so it offends them." Wardell

More Democrats crack open door for Biden run

Vice President Joe Biden / METRO FILE PHOTO

Biden. It would be important for him to announce in time to take part in the first Democratic debates in October.

More prominent Democrats on Sunday cracked open the door for Vice President Joe Biden to enter the race for the Democratic presidential nomination as party front-runner Hillary Clinton battled questions over her use of a private email server.

California Gov. Jerry Brown told NBC's Meet the Press program that Biden should give "very serious consideration" to a presidential run.

Brown said the email saga surrounding Clinton's private email server as Secretary of State carried a "dark energy" that represents a substantial challenge for her campaign.

"It is almost like a vampire. She is going to have to put a stake … in the heart of these emails," the California Democrat said.

Asked if Biden should run, Brown said: "You are asking me presidential advice. All I can say is if I were Hillary, I would say don't jump in. If I were Joe Biden, I would probably give it very serious consideration."

Speculation grew on Saturday that Biden may soon challenge Clinton for the Democratic nomination as the vice president met with Sen. Elizabeth Warren, a power broker among liberal Democrats.

Warren, who has strong support from liberal groups that would be critical to winning in early voting states, has said she will not run for president herself. REUTERS

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Smoking accessories / GETTY IMAGES

Grams of pot

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In Philadelphia, lawmakers decriminalized possession of less than 30 grams of marijuana — about an ounce — in October 2014, meaning that a person with a small amount gets a fine rather than being hauled away in handcuffs.

For years, the stores that sell marijuana pipes and bongs have insisted that the products they sell are for tobacco use, choosing their words carefully to avoid being ensnared in laws against marijuana paraphernalia.

"The map of the United States is colorful as to where you can lawfully buy paraphernalia and not use magic code words," said Allen St. Pierre, executive director of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws.

Seventeen states have decriminalized marijuana — meaning that possession, but usually not the sale — of small amounts leads to a minor fine and no criminal record. Four states — Washington, Colorado, Alaska and Oregon — along with the District of Columbia, have legalized marijuana, meaning that there is a state-approved marketplace for pot.

But at Wonderland, a head shop festooned with Grateful Dead iconography, the mere mention of marijuana is enough for clerks to refuse a sale.

"Even the mention of medical marijuana means I cannot sell anything to you," said a clerk at the store, before declining further comment and refusing to identify an owner or manager.

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Five things you need to know

Sanders courts black voters in South Carolina

Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders brought his progressive populism to deeply Republican South Carolina, and made a pitch to connect with the black voters who provide most of the Democratic support in the early primary state.

It was the Vermont senator's first visit to the state since announcing his candidacy in late April, in a challenge to Democratic front-runner Hillary Clinton.

Sanders had canceled a planned appearance in Charleston in June in the wake of the massacre at the city's Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church that left nine dead.

In North Charleston, he invoked the names of Michael Brown, Eric Garner, Freddie Gray and Walter Scott, all unarmed black men who died in the hands of police officers in a little over a year.

"We are going to end institutional racism and we are going to transform and make changes in the criminal justice system that isn't working," he said to loud cheering from a crowd of about 3,100. REUTERS

Bernie Sanders / GETTY IMAGES

Zoo staff help panda with newborn twins

National Zoo staff are helping giant panda Mei Xiang adjust to life with her newborn twins by occasionally switching out one cub and keeping it in an incubator, zoo officials said on Sunday.

Mei Xiang, a star tourist draw, took staff by surprise on Saturday by giving birth to twins about four-and-a-half hours apart. Giant pandas are among the world's most endangered species and she had been artificially inseminated.

Laurie Thompson, a giant panda biologist, said she and other staff had monitored Mei Xiang to see if she was strong enough to pick up the second cub on her own. REUTERS

Crowd packs Jimmy Carter's Sunday school

Larger-than-usual crowds of well-wishers meant former President Jimmy Carter had to teach an extra Bible class at his rural Georgia church on Sunday, after he announced on Thursday cancer had spread to his brain.

Carter, 90, a lifelong Baptist and church deacon, has taught Sunday school for decades and the Maranatha Baptist Church in Plains, Georgia, is used to a throng.

The theme of the lesson was love, Carter told the 300 people who filled the church's sanctuary, after briefly alluding to his health. REUTERS

CARTER

Fire hits Tulsa refinery

A fire at HollyFrontier Corp's 125,000 barrels per day refinery in Tulsa, Oklahoma, is being handled by the company's in-house fire crews, according to a Twitter message by a local journalist.

Gitzel Puente, a reporter for local TV station KJRH, said in a Tweet that the fire was "self-contained."

While the Tulsa plant is relatively small, its location near the Cushing, Oklahoma, oil storage hub makes it significant for oil markets. An extended unplanned outage would reduce demand for crude, potentially accelerating an expected buildup in surplus stockpiles at Cushing this autumn. REUTERS

First climber to attempt Everest ascent since quakes

A Japanese climber will be the first to attempt to scale Mount Everest since a massive earthquake in April triggered avalanches that killed 18 climbers, shutting an industry that feeds thousands of people across Nepal.

Nobukazu Kuriki, 33, of Tokyo, will make a solo attempt on the 29,035-feet Everest summit along the normal Southeast Ridge route pioneered by Sir Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing Norgay in 1953, the Nepal government said on Sunday. REUTERS

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Mexico border. Carson calls for drones to blast caves, not people

Republican presidential candidate Ben Carson on Sunday says he supports using drones to beef up surveillance along the U.S.-Mexico border and destroy caves used by those who smuggle people and drugs, but said he did not support strikes aimed at people.

Carson, speaking on CNN's "State of the Union," dismissed reports that he had suggested using drone strikes to target people trying to cross into the United States as a "total lie" and blamed media reports as irresponsible.

"Read my lips. I said there are caves that they utilize. Those caves can be eliminated. I'm not talking about killing people," the retired neurosurgeon told CNN. "In no way, did I suggest that drones be used to kill people."

Carson suggested greater use of drones to patrol border areas after a tour of the region last week. He said local authorities told him they were completely outgunned and receiving little assistance from federal authorities.

Ben Carson / GETTY IMAGES

Trump in the polls

32%

A recent Reuters/Ipsos poll showed Trump with 32 percent of the support of Republicans, Jeb Bush with 16 percent, and Carson with 8 percent.

Immigration has become a contentious issue for Republicans seeking the presidency in the November 2016 election. Donald Trump, the party's front-runner, and other contenders have called for amending the Constitution to end of the right of automatic citizenship for all people born in the United States.

Carson reiterated his support for deporting families who come to the United States expressly to have children and ensure them U.S. citizenship. Critics call those children "anchor babies," but others view it as offensive.

Carson said he did not view the term as racist and dismissed such objections as "silly political correctness." REUTERS

LIKE A HURRICANE

The Foreman forecast

TOM FOREMAN

TOM FOREMAN IS A CNN CORRESPONDENT AND AUTHOR OF THE UPCOMING BOOK "MY YEAR OF RUNNING DANGEROUSLY."

The D.C. crowd could learn much from my old hometown of New Orleans: how to laugh, how to dance, how to make friends of enemies, and even how to take bribes better. As it is, I'll just have to content myself with a bayou theme for my look at three things to watch this week in politics.

1. WAY DOWN YONDER IN NEW ORLEANS: President Obama will do the Mardi Gras mambo all the way to the Crescent City, but it won't be just for the po'boys and jazz. He'll be there to mark the 10th anniversary of Katrina, which took more than 1,800 lives. Expect the prez to focus on how the region — including the stricken Gulf Coast — has bounced back with a lot of help from the feds. He may even mention (as he has in the past) how government failures contributed to the levee collapses that made it the costliest natural disaster in U.S. history. And don't be surprised if he tips his hat to the role of global warming in the whole mess.

HURRICANE KATRINA

2. VOODOO CHILD: All eyes will be on the stock market to see if its mojo is working again. Someone must have put gris-gris on their wingtips because the Wall Street crew has taken stocks into a deep dive. The main worries are that China's economy is softening, oil prices are drifting down and interest rates could be in for a correction. So like everything else with the market, it's essentially voodoo. But if it doesn't bounce back, watch for Republican candidates to swarm and say it's another sign of the White House's weak recovery.

3. PROFESSOR LONG HAIR: And Donald Trump will do something outrageous. I don't know what. Pretty sure he doesn't know either. But he'll do it, we'll cover it, you'll discuss it and we'll all hate ourselves in the morning. Bartender, can I get another Sazerac down here?

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Question

What inspired you to write this book?

I am a huge lover of Bill Murray, first and foremost. He's an inspiration on screen: funny, sad, cerebral and thoughtful. He has such a deep personality which lends itself to be captured in art, and if you look online there is a lot of it. We wanted to get close to Bill, to get inside his films and have lots of fun doing it. What better fun than smelling his films? It's a super fun way of exploring Bill Murray, of seeing some of the best illustrators around the world pen some great art. Hopefully people will laugh with their friends — that's the point. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

"RUSHMORE," ARTIST: THOMAS HEDGER / SUGOI BOOKS

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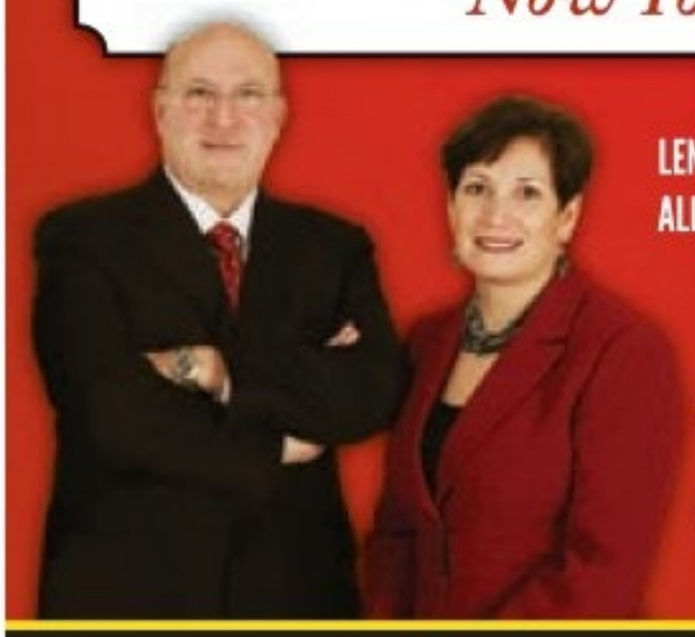

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OMG! Book reveals the scent of Bill Murray

"LOST IN TRANSLATION," ARTIST: HENRY KAYE / SUGOI BOOKS

You've enjoyed his movies — now, wallow in the aromas of actor Bill Murray. Now, you can enjoy the scent of fan-favorite actor Bill Murray. "Cook Your Own Food — a Bill Murray Scratch and Sniff," pays homage to the thespian, featuring 10 different smells inspired by his movies. Simply scratch and on one page sniff the whiskey from Murray's Suntory character from "Lost in Translation." You can also get a noseful of the iconic actor from "Moonrise Kingdom," "The Life Aquatic" and "Groundhog Day." Metro spoke to John Jarvis, the creator of the book, on the appeal of getting a whiff of Murray.

Do you think this fragrant book will draw people closer to the actor or push them away?
In the 1970s, the idea of smelling in cinema was a giant thing. I suppose we thought it gave the posture a new dimension. Put us with the characters on the screen. I like the idea that we can take part in the books and art we buy, look at. I want everyone to take part and have fun. That experiential sense of play is taking off.

How many pages are there?
There will actually be 10 smells, so 24 pages in total. Each image gets a double spread. So, they are much bigger and expansive to let you really explore. Each spread will have a pink pad, scratch that and you get absorbed with a sweet smell of Bill.

What are the main aromas?
We've tried to keep the smells in context to the film. When Bill eats an apple in "The Life Aquatic," we have an apple smell. When Bill eats sushi with Scarlett Johansson in "Lost in Translation," we have a fishy smell.

Where are these smells taken from?
We have worked with a company in the U.S. that generates smells. They were really busy in the 1990s, when scratch-and-sniff books were a thing, but now, not so much. They have a library of over 5,000 smells apparently — I didn't even know that many existed.

What's been the reaction to the book?
I've heard a lot of surprise and a lot of intrigue. People seem to really love the idea and some people seem to not understand. I like to think it's such a unique and individual idea, its not going to be for everyone. **DMITRY BELYAEV, METRO WORLD NEWS**

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Wiz Khalifa arrested for most 2015 thing ever

That's ... not a hoverboard.

Rapper Wiz Khalifa received not necessarily the warmest of welcomes back to L.A. this weekend when he was taken to the ground and handcuffed by at least three cops for refusing to get off his hoverboard. Yes, a hoverboard. Video of the incident — which looks weirdly like it was shot on VHS — shows Khalifa first arguing with the officers then being forced down and told to stop resisting. "I'm not resisting," Khalifa continually responds. After the skirmish, Khalifa took to Twitter for a series of posts complaining about the incident: "Haven't been slammed and cuffed in a while. That was fun," he wrote. "All because I didn't want to ditch the technology everyone will be using in the next six months. Do what you want, kids." Oh, and he's using the opportunity to take a stand: "I stand for our generation and our generation is gonna be riding hoverboards, so if you don't like it eat a d—," he posted. That's bold.

"Wait, you're leaving me?" / ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

2

Divorce caught Gavin Rossdale off-guard

You think you were shocked by the news that Gwen Stefani was filing for divorce from Gavin Rossdale? Imagine how Rossdale himself must have felt. The Bush singer was reportedly totally blindsided by Stefani's move. "This was Gwen's choice, and Gavin believed — even right up to the hours before the announcement — that he could reverse that decision," a source explains to Radar Online. "They've had problems as a couple before but have managed to work through them without going into therapy or attempting a separation. This time, Gwen went through with it because she wanted a change, and Gavin is pretty devastated." I mean, yeah. That is pretty solid, as far as devastating things go.

3

No more pageant girls for Nick Jonas

Way to limit your options, buddy.

Following his split earlier this summer from former Miss Universe Olivia Culpo, Nick Jonas admits he's probably not allowed to date anymore beauty pageant girls. "I'm figuring the rule probably exists," he tells Ryan Seacrest when pressed about the possible statute. "That's a good question, actually. I've got to go to the bro code and read on that." Whomever he is or isn't allowed to date in the future, Jonas is at least clear about his current activities: "I'm single, contrary to what people think," he says, addressing recent rumors he's hit it off with Kendall Jenner. "It's just mind-blowing to me how these things start." Really, Nick? After spending so much of your young life in the limelight, is it really that mind-blowing? I want to believe you, I really do.

THE WORD

Ned Ehrbar takes on the world of gossip.

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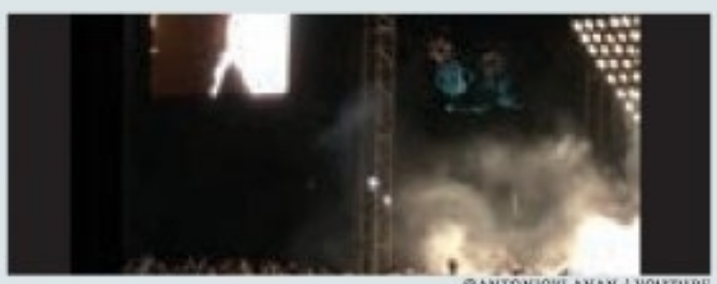
Foo Fighters bring rickrolling to life

The perpetually angry folks at the Westboro Baptist Church picked the wrong smart-ass rock band to mess with when they set up a protest outside the Foo Fighters' show in Kansas City, Missouri. So how did Dave Grohl and his merry band respond? By taking one of the most beloved Internet pranks, rickrolling, and pulling it into the real world. Grohl and the boys pulled up outside the venue in the back of a pickup truck blasting Rick Astley's "Never Gonna Give You Up" and waving their own signs protesting the right-wing fringe group, delighting everyone else in the process. More of this, please.

Daily video

Kanye at FYF Fest: Oh hi, Rihanna



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Attendees of this weekend's FYF Fest in Los Angeles have been on quite an emotional roller coaster since original headliner Frank Ocean bailed on the gig days before he was set to appear. But then organizers announced that Kanye West would be stepping in as a last-minute replacement. And then, during West's set Saturday night, he decided he needed some help with "FourFiveSeconds," his collaboration with Rihanna and Paul McCartney, so he handed the mic to someone in the crowd — that turned out to be Rihanna herself. How's that for a surprise cameo?

2 CULTURE

Twitter feed

Today, Ricky Martin is not trying to scare you, Justin Bieber is worried about his rump, Elizabeth Hurley is keeping busy, Bryan Singer is almost done with another "X-Men" movie and Dax Shepard thinks Donald Trump missed his calling.

@ricky_martin:
Hey you! Yes you! Dont be afraid!

@justinbieber:
Not sure if I can perform today. Not sure if the glutes are firing. Lol. Need the glutes to be firing!

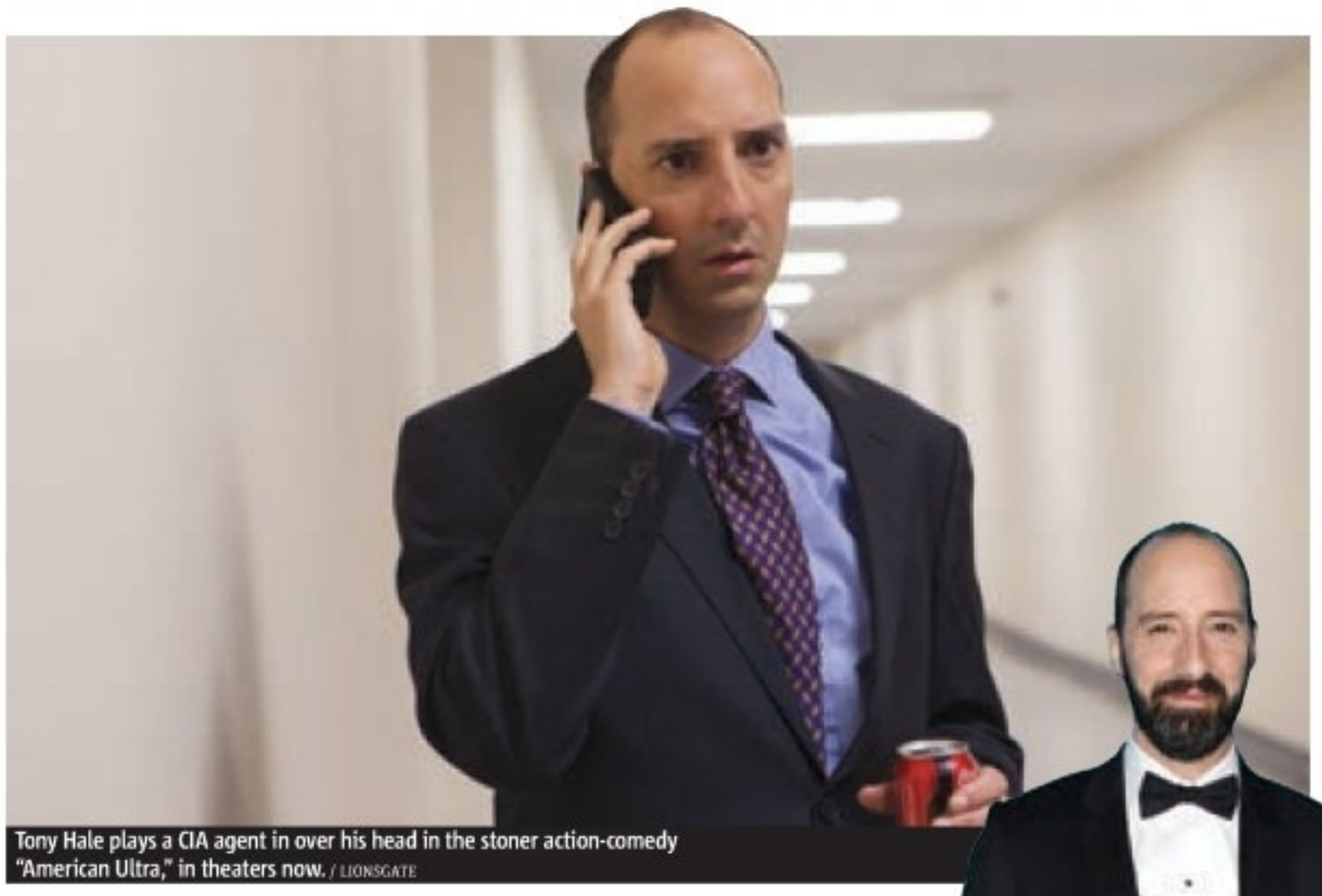
@ElizabethHurley:
12 pots of blackcurrant jam made this morning and now off to machete my way through some stinging nettles & brambles

@BryanSinger:
That's a wrap on main unit. But still more to shoot over the next few weeks with second unit. But now...the wrap party!

@daxshepard1:
The only thing that saddens me about Trump's candidacy is that his time isn't being used to write a parenting book

Tony Hale can't watch awkward comedy

Interview. The "American Ultra" star is happy he's nothing like "Arrested Development"'s Buster Bluth.



Tony Hale plays a CIA agent in over his head in the stoner action-comedy "American Ultra," in theaters now. / LIONSGATE

No, Tony Hale is nothing like his characters — not ultimate mama's boy Buster Bluth on "Arrested Development," not boyish "body man" Gary Walsh on "Veep" and not Petey Douglas, a lowly CIA agent in the action-comedy "American Ultra," opening Aug. 21. He's as friendly and chatty as he is powerfully awkward onscreen. He has a small but key role in "American Ultra," hanging back at the Pentagon and unwittingly put in command of a drone operation that may harm hero Jesse Eisenberg — a sleeper agent-turned-stoner who only realizes he has Jason Bourne moves when he's "awoken."

"American Ultra" is another case where you're playing someone oblivious to how socially awkward he is.
I like nothing more than to play off awkward energy. Playing awkward is the funnest thing ever — awkward tension, awkward silences. I'm crazy about that stuff. My wife laughs at me, though, because I can't watch it. If there's something awkward on television, I have to leave the room. It makes me so uncomfortable. I just stop breathing. But playing it, I love it. I love to play it, and I love to live in that world. But I can't watch it, or if I'm at a restaurant and I can tell something's really awkward — if people are having an uncomfortable conversation, I just want to jump in and save them. [Laughs]

I imagine people are shocked to discover you're a normal, friendly, talkative guy.
That's debatable. Poor Buster, he was pretty mentally checked out. He had the mind of a 7-year-old, at best. He's in a constant state of paralysis. Getting to the pharmacy was a big day for him. Just the fact that I can carry a conversation — if people only know me through Buster, they're pretty shocked. When people say, "You don't seem anything like Buster," — well, thank God.

You've said you have an easy "in" for Gary on "Veep" — you stoop over as you're talking to people shorter than you. Do you have one for other characters?
When I first started ["Arrested Development"] I remember asking [creator] Mitchell Hurwitz what Buster wanted in life — a very kind of actor question to ask. He said all Buster ever wanted was safety. I always used that. If there was any lack of safety, he would spiral. But if he was around his mother, that was the most safe place. He would get silly and crazy. He said he liked being away from his mother, that he wanted freedom. But especially in the fourth season, he would spiral into a psychotic phase.

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One more thing

'Veep' talk

How much time have you spent studying real D.C. political figures?
I got to meet a body man in his 20s who works 24/7 for a politician. He had no social life; he never saw his family. Then he moved to other stuff. My character, unfortunately, stayed in this position in his 40s, because he had no identity outside of work. It's all he knows. He worships the ground [Julia Louis-Dreyfus' Selina Kyle] walks on. He doesn't hear the abuse she sets down. He has not moved on. He has stayed on. And, by the way, he's completely happy. He doesn't want to go anywhere else except by her side. If she works at a Target after D.C., he'll be carrying her purse.

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Interview. Bel Powley and Alexander Skarsgard say "The Diary of a Teenage Girl" can help young women.

Getting sex positive

In "The Diary of a Teenage Girl," now in theaters, Alexander Skarsgard plays a grown man having a sexual relationship with his girlfriend's daughter (Bel Powley). / SONY PICTURES CLASSICS

In their indie dramedy "The Diary of a Teenage Girl," Bel Powley and Alexander Skarsgard play, respectively, Minnie, a teenager in first blush with her sexuality, and Monroe, her mother's boyfriend, with whom she is sleeping. The actors have the goofy rapport that comes with having to fake intimacy through real trust.

"I'd never done a sex scene onscreen before," Powley says, dispensing a laugh Skarsgard shares. "He took my onscreen virginity."

Powley, a young British actress, found herself making a film that could have been uncomfortable for all but wasn't. Though the role called on Powley to do some outside-the-box firsts, Skarsgard still had to play a 35-year-old sleeping with a) a high schooler and b) his girlfriend's daughter.

"He could easily become predatory," Skarsgard says. "You have to make their relationship mean something. Otherwise, it's not going to be interesting. If he's too predatory you think, 'Why watch this for more than five minutes?'"

"Obviously there's a 20-year age gap, but it's like any relationship," Powley adds. "It ebbs and flows. It's balanced and imbalanced. You think maybe they work together, then it falls off-kilter again."

Of course, the nature of their relationship is a touchy subject, though so far, viewers seem to have shared the film's nonjudgmental tone.

"The conversations we've been having at Q&As and with journalists have been very intelligent in the way they've approached the subject," Skarsgard says. Even those typically against movies about sexuality, especially female sexuality and especially female teen sexuality, have been OK. "We've done interviews with quite conservative journalists, and they really responded to it."

"People don't make movies or talk about female sexuality," Powley says. "It's such a taboo subject. With the rise of 'new feminism,' it's a very good time to be making a movie about young women wanting to have sex. It's very important for teenage girls to have that normalized. Otherwise, you can feel really ostracized. It can be really damaging.

"There are so many movies about men wanting to get laid and men being promiscuous and men wanting to lose their virginity. Why not make one about women?"

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Dress-up

Why Skarsgard went in drag

A few weeks ago, Alexander Skarsgard arrived at the San Francisco premiere of "Teenage Girl" in a big dress. As it happens, when they shot the film, they employed many of the city's drag queens, some of whom performed before the film began.

"It sounded like fun," Skarsgard recounts. "I had a couple pints, and I said, 'I don't want to be excluded from all the fun. I want to be in drag.'" So they made him up like Farrah Fawcett, and a local performer did his makeup. "She told me I'm her daughter now. Whoever does your makeup the first time you go in drag is your mom. So Mercedez is now my drag queen mom."

He even enjoyed it: "I want to do it at every screening. I feel so uncomfortable in jeans and a shirt."

BEL POWLEY AND ALEXANDER SKARSGARD
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Ivo van Hove is bringing two Bergman films to the live theater.

Adapting movies for the stage

Dutch theater director Ivo van Hove is bringing "After the Rehearsal / Persona" to this year's Fringe Festival. / ALL PHOTOS JAN VERSWEYVELD

Stage plays being adapted to film has been common practice since the earliest days of silent cinema. But the relationship rarely takes place in reverse. Dutch theater director Ivo van Hove has done his part to right that balance, adapting films by John Cassavetes, Luchino Visconti, Pier Paolo Pasolini and other renowned filmmakers for the stage.

"I'm 56, and I've been making theater since my 20s, so I've done a lot," van Hove says. "At a certain moment in my life, I wanted to challenge myself, and I did that by starting to bring film scripts to the stage. I only do film scripts which deal with subjects that I don't find in such an extreme way — so well refined or written — in a normal theater play."

The major cinematic influence for van Hove has been legendary Swedish director Ingmar Bergman. Toneelgroep Amsterdam, the company for which van Hove serves as artistic director, has previously adapted both "Cries and Whispers" and "Scenes From a Marriage" from Bergman's oeuvre.

At this year's Fringe Festival, van Hove takes on two more Bergman works: "After the Rehearsal" and "Persona" will have their U.S. premiere.

"I think that Bergman is one of the greatest writers of the 20th century," van Hove says. "Although his work can be very pessimistic, hard, bitter and cynical sometimes, it's also very human."

He was also, of course, a consummate theater artist; the sparse dialogue of "Persona" in particular makes it a difficult translation, but that was part of the appeal to the director. "Every production that I do is a reinvention," van Hove continues. "It only makes sense to make theater if it talks about issues that are of importance for people today. For me, to recreate a piece of Moliere the way it was done in the 17th century makes no sense at all."

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Pairings

See the films at the Roxy

While the two films, "After the Rehearsal" and "Persona," were never intended to be paired, both deal with the struggles of theater artists, which resonated with van Hove. For those who are unfamiliar or who need a refresher on the source material, the Philadelphia Film Society will screen both this week at the Roxy Theater.

"Both texts, in different ways, talk about the same theme," van Hove says. "What's the importance of theater, and of art in general, for society and for an individual in society? That's the beauty of bringing these two plays together — for an audience, there's a lot of thinking to do and a lot of emotions to go through during the evening."

To complement the Fringe show, the two Ingmar Bergman films are playing at the Roxy, starting tonight.

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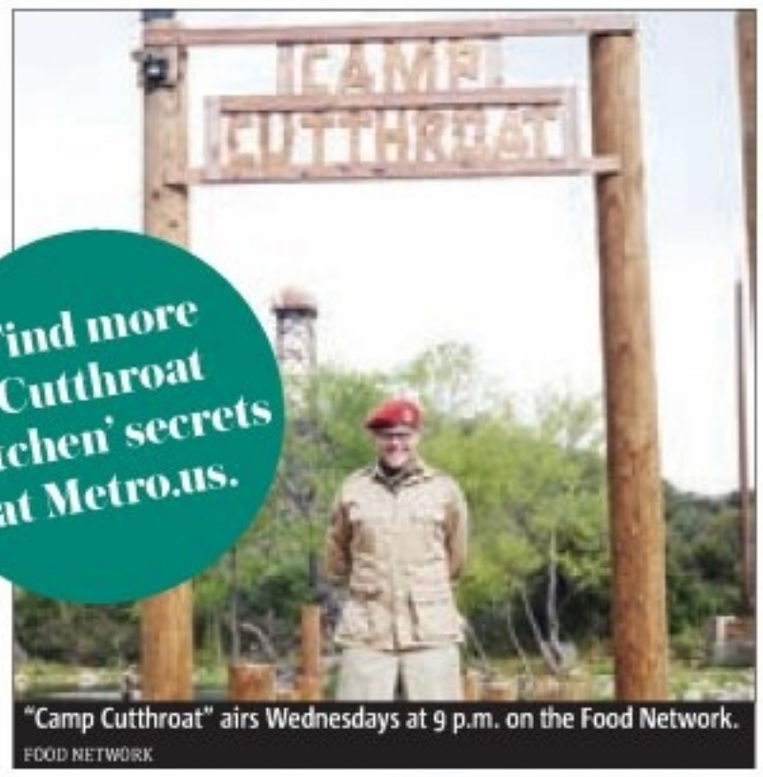

"Camp Cutthroat" airs Wednesdays at 9 p.m. on the Food Network.
FOOD NETWORK

Find more 'Cutthroat Kitchen' secrets at Metro.us.

As a fellow straphanger when he visits NYC, "Cutthroat Kitchen" host Alton Brown knows every trip could turn into a Cutthroat Commute. In this, cooking and commuting are not so different.

"So many people who watch 'Cutthroat Kitchen' don't necessarily get that the most fun part of it is watching the adaptability of human beings," he says. "It's not about doing horrible things to one another."

This summer, Brown took his show outdoors — something he's very familiar with — in "Camp Cutthroat," with sabotages like cooking on a rock wall and something called "capture the cheese."

We talked to Brown about the value of camping and hacking his kitchen tools — in elementary school.

You were prepared for "Camp Cutthroat" — you used to be a Boy Scout.
I was a scout up to Star Scout! When I was a kid growing up mostly in the '70s in a relatively remote part of the U.S., scouting was a way of life. We learned a lot about self-reliance, which I worry that our kids aren't learning today. I certainly started developing a love of cooking in the Scouts, and the little travel pots and pans and things — I kept mine in perfect order and hacked some of it to make it more useful.

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When did that start?
I started as a Cub Scout in third grade, and by the time I moved into those awkward Webelo years, I was already bending things; I made an adaptation to one of my pots so the handle could be screwed onto a walking stick so you could set it up in the fire better. I took some metal tent parts to make a tripod to dangle a pot over a campfire.

Was the show your idea?
I don't remember who first said "Camp Cutthroat," but the second it came out, I was like, "Oh my gosh, I spent so much time outdoors as a kid." You immediately have these emotional and nostalgic associations of what that means, what it's gonna look like, and I immediately said, "Oh, we should make that look like the movie 'Moonrise Kingdom,'" with this very nostalgic Boy Scout feel and create this world that people either remember or wish they remembered."

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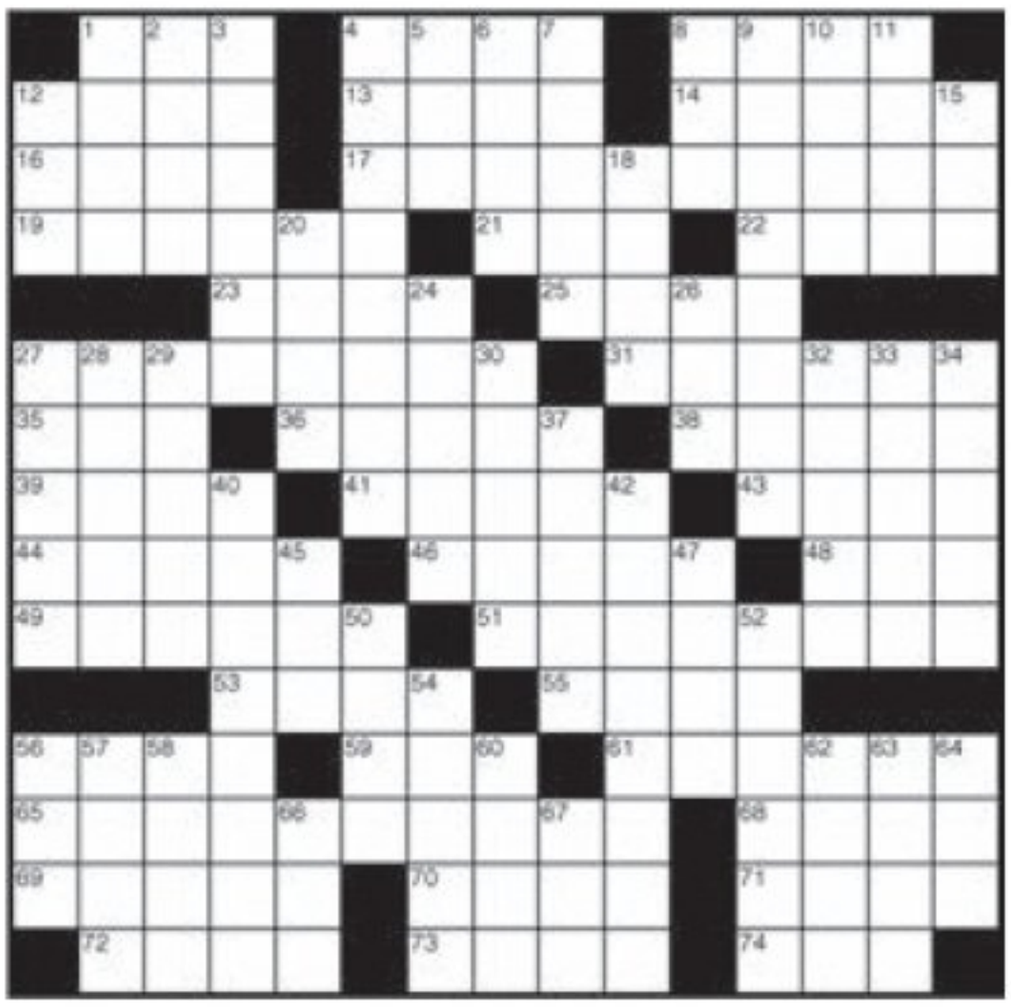

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Aries Don't let insecurity prevent you from moving forward with your creative ideas. You will receive all the encouragement you need.

Taurus Create a plan before you make any changes to your residence. Go through all of the steps necessary to ensure the right result.

Gemini Don't make decisions based on what other people say. You know in your heart what is right for you, so go after it without hesitation.

Cancer Health issues can escalate over time. Take a close look at your daily routine. If your lifestyle is unhealthy, it is up to you to change it.

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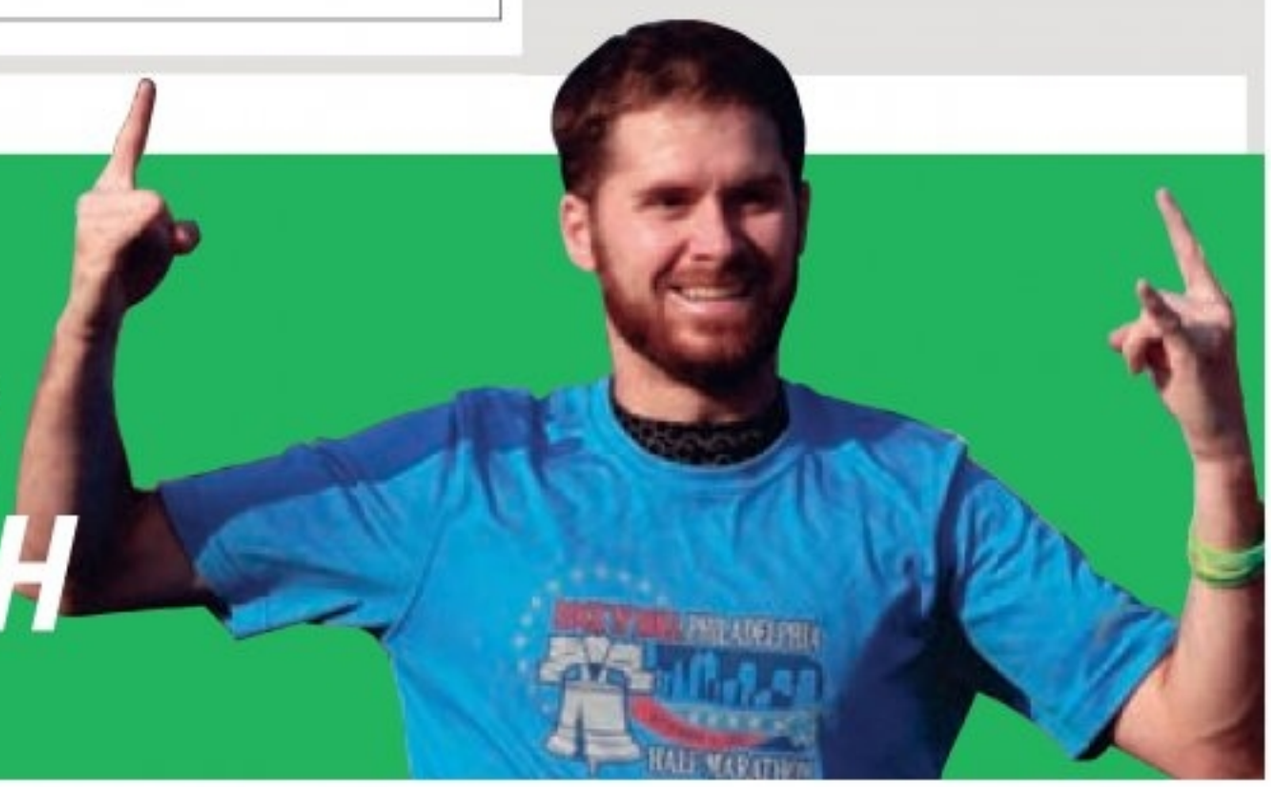

jobs & education

You can't always get what you want

The most popular career advice nowadays is to "do what you love," but it's totally bogus.

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Nearly everyone wants to like his or her job (after all, the average American worker spends more than 40 hours a week there). But is it really possible to love a job? Or to even parlay the things we are most passionate about into a career?

Listen to enough TED Talks or commencement speeches, and you'll think, "Why, of course!" Said Steve Jobs in his now famous address to the Stanford class of 2005: "Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work, and the only way to do great work is to love what you do."

But Miya Tokumitsu disagrees. "As someone with one foot in academia and the other in the arts, I would hear lots of things like, 'Oh, we're not in it for the money,' or, 'Well, you shouldn't expect to get a decent-paying job right away,'" says the Jacobin magazine contributor and art history Ph.D. "I think those kinds of exploitative messages come from this idea of 'do what you love.' And they're not

It's not all about you

When applying for — or settling on — a job, sometimes there are more important factors than just the amount of pleasure you'll personally get from it.

"Think of the work you're doing not so much as something that's for you and for your pleasure but as a contribution that you're making to society," advises Tokumitsu. "That's a different way of thinking of 'do what you love,' but it's a way of gaining satisfaction from work that's not all about you, you, you."

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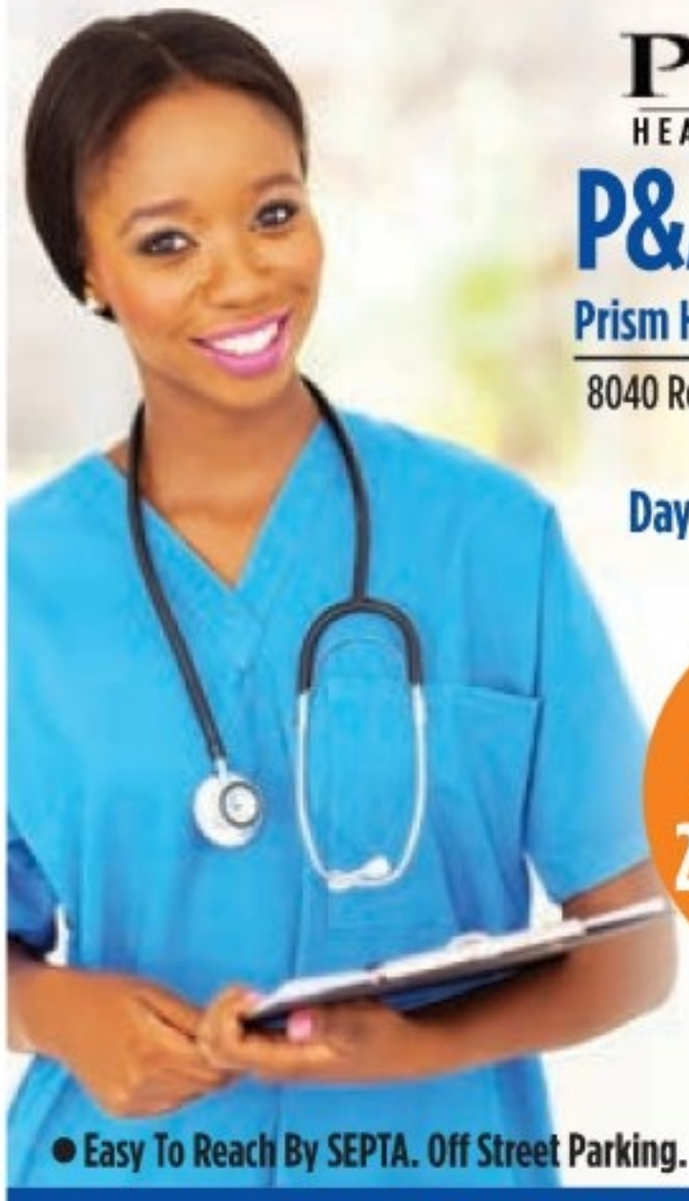

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Working for free

One of the things about the mantra "do what you love" is that it treats work as a privilege, something one should be grateful for, and that allows employers to exploit workers. But is doing a task for the experience rather than the money always a bad thing?

"While I find unpaid internships ethically questionable, I understand that they do help you and that you do need those references for later jobs," says Tokumitsu. "So, I say to evaluate your position. How much of this kind of work can you afford to do, how much of this work are you willing to do and — most important — would you do this even if it guaranteed nothing?"

only unrealistic, they're also harmful."

Tokumitsu, who teaches history at the University of Melbourne, has written a book on the subject called "Do What You Love and Other Lies About Success and Happiness." So, what does she tell her starry-eyed undergrads when they come for career advice? We asked her.

There's nothing wrong with working for money

Tokumitsu's main problem with the "do what you love" mantra is that it treats people who take jobs because they need to pay rent or feed their family as somewhat lesser. And since pursuing a college education nowadays virtually guarantees you'll be saddled with enormous debt, graduates — except for the privileged few — can't afford to be too precious about their jobs.

"The plain fact is, in the current world in which we live, you need to earn wages to meet your basic needs, and that is the primary reason why people work," Tokumitsu says. "And that shouldn't be shameful or embarrassing."

Let your work serve you — not the other way around

In fact, there are other ways to derive pleasure from work without it coming from what you actually do in your 9-to-whenever. "You can get satisfaction from knowing you can take care of yourself and others, or that your job allows you the means to do other things you love, like spending time with your loved ones," Tokumitsu says.

"It used to be that we worked to live — people worked and then tried to get that out of the way so they could do the really important things in life. Now, we live to work. I think it's highly unintuitive."

Love takes time

There's nothing wrong with pursuing your interests — or a career that you think you'll find fulfilling. But the idea that you're going to fall in love with your job on the first day is just unrealistic.

"The main thing I would say to a 22- or 23-year-old is that love takes time," says Tokumitsu. "And that kind of pleasure from work can exist, but I feel like it comes a little bit later, after you've gained some experience, after you've made some mistakes, and you've gained some skills. Don't say after six months, 'Ugh, this stinks.'"

Briefs

You might not want to take the SATs

Hey, high schoolers, scared of bombing on the SAT and not getting into college? Don't worry — a growing number of U.S. schools are scrapping standardized test scores as part of admission.

Washington, D.C.'s George Washington University last month joined more than 850 U.S. colleges and universities that no longer require applicants to take the SAT or ACT, tests that have been a feature of American student life for decades.

Proponents of making the tests optional say the switch can help schools become more diverse and admit students who will thrive even though they may have lagged behind other applicants on scores.

"It was really about making sure that the right students, students for whom GW would be a great place, were not discouraged from applying," says Karen Stroud Felton, George Washington's dean of admissions.

The test-optional trend has accelerated in recent years, with more than two dozen schools dropping the requirement since the spring of 2014, according to the National Center for Fair and Open Testing, which advocates for test-optional admissions. They include Wisconsin's Beloit College and Temple University in Philadelphia.

About 1.7 million students took the SAT in 2014, up almost 60 percent in 20 years. ISTOCK

But defenders of the SAT and ACT tests of math, reading and writing say they level the playing field for applicants and provide an objective measure for scholarships.

Cyndie Schmeiser, chief of assessment at the College Board, the nonprofit that administers the SAT, says research has repeatedly shown that it was a strong predictor of academic success.

The SAT is relied upon by thousands of U.S. colleges and universities. It also gives low-income and minority students access to higher education by stripping out subjective factors such as grade inflation, she says.

"The bottom line is that more knowledge is better than less and especially information like the SAT that is captured under comparable conditions for all kids," Schmeiser says. Reuters

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Another injury

Nelson goes down vs. Steelers

The Packers may have suffered a huge blow in their preseason game against Pittsburgh Sunday, as Jordy Nelson left the game with an injured knee in the first quarter. It is feared to be a season-ending torn ACL. An MRI will confirm on Monday.

Suggs says Eagles, Bradford should expect cheap shots

NFL. The Eagles QB made it through Saturday's game unscathed despite being targeted.

Sam Bradford led the Eagles on a touchdown-scoring drive during his 12 snaps under center Saturday. / GETTY IMAGES

Sam Bradford survived his Eagles debut and his surgically repaired knee stood the test of a pair of big hits and the fury (and perhaps dirty play) of Terrell Suggs.

The big Ravens linebacker had a clear path to Bradford after the quarterback got rid of the ball in Saturday's 40-17 preseason victory, and instead of going for Bradford's body, Suggs went for his knees.

At least that's what Bradford thought he was doing.

"You would have to ask him, but I think that is what he was trying to do," Bradford said. "I was a little upset. I'm not sure if I can repeat what I said to him, but it's a part of the game. I'm sure that is not the last time something like that is going to happen this year, but hopefully it doesn't."

Suggs blames Eagles head coach Chip Kelly for the hit, and says it's what the Eagles deserve for their decision to put so much faith in the oft-injured former Heisman Trophy winner.

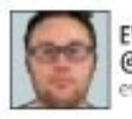
"When you run the read option you have to know the rules," Suggs, who received a penalty after the play, said. "If you want to run the read option with your starting quarterback that has had two knee surgeries, that's on you. That's not my responsibility to update you on the rules. I could have hit him harder than that. I eased up."

Eagles center Jason Kelce expanded on the play, describing it from his perspective.

"I had some words that I exchanged with Suggs right after that," he said. "I'm sure that's something they're taught, to tackle the quarterback out of the read option. But it was a little weird that he went right after the knees, but I don't think it was anything malicious on his end.

Now with the Ravens behind them, Bradford and the Eagles can begin to prepare for the third and most important preseason game next Saturday against the Packers. It's a game that typically sees the starting offense play nearly three quarters. But with the banged-up and/or recovering Eagles roster, it remains to be seen how much playing time anybody will get.

"That's Coach's [Kelly] call how much I play next week," Bradford said, "but I think the more reps, the more work I get, the better. We've put in three good weeks at camp and I feel like I've got down a lot of reps in practice."



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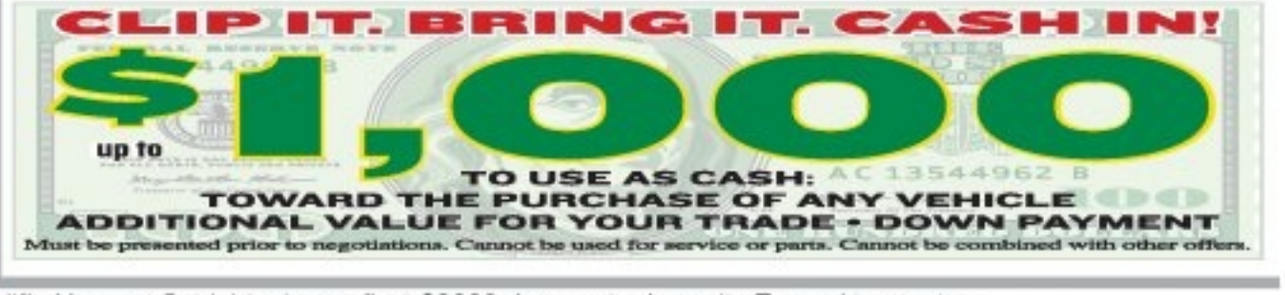
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NFL. Eagles could have four-headed monster in backfield

The Eagles already have a running back threesome that keeps Chip Kelly positively giddy when thinking of the possibilities.

And if Saturday's win over the Ravens in Preseason Week 2 is any indication of how the Eagles will use DeMarco Murray, Darren Sproles and Ryan Mathews together, it will be quite a productive ground attack.

Both Murray and Mathews found the end zone with Sproles lining up all over the place, including in the slot, where he proved once again to be a potent pass catcher.

With Murray and Mathews each coming along slowly during camp (to hopefully ensure the pair's health when the season begins), Kelly was pleased with the running game Saturday evening as he headed to the film room to prepare for Monday's practice.

Quoted

"It's going to be hard for teams to really focus on one running back, and I think it is going to be good that we are all going to be fresh and going in and out of the game."

DeMarco Murray

"DeMarco showed a little pop today, when you watched him hit it and come out the other side. I was happy with all three of those guys."

Not to be outdone, the Eagles may need to make room for a fourth running back after the performance of Kenjon Barner during both of the Birds' tune-ups this summer.

"He's making a huge case," Kelly said. "You go back-to-back weeks with a punt return for a touchdown and I think he made some good plays in the run game."

The Eagles ran for 239 yards Saturday against the Ravens. / GETTY IMAGES

Barner nearly made the roster last year, but got hurt in the Eagles final preseason game. And after two special teams lightning strikes and 10 rushes for 44 yards, he looks to be on the cusp of breaking through, thanks in no small part to his in-camp mentor, Sproles.

"I'm in Darren's back pocket 24/7," Barner, who played for Kelly at Oregon, said. Anything that guy tells me, I listen to. For pregame I was able to watch him and then go back and have about a five- to 10-minute conversation with him about where the ball was going to drop, how it was going to turn, who was booming it and who wasn't. Sproles plays a big part in my success in the punt return because he's always in my head."

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Nola, Phils shut down Marlins

MLB. Aaron Nola turned in the best performance of his young career in Sunday's victory.

The Phillies won the season series against the Marlins after an impressive 2-0 shutout Sunday in South Florida, as Aaron Nola led the pitching staff in a three-hit defensive effort.

The rookie allowed just five base runners while striking out six to lift his big-league record to 4-1.

"Outstanding job by Aaron today for us," Phillies catcher Cameron Rupp said. "He got ahead of just about every hitter, he was in the strike zone. ... He's pitched very effectively for us."

Phils' manager Pete Mackanin decided 100 pitches were enough for Nola, who was yanked in the eighth for closer Ken Giles. Giles slammed the door with a one-two-three save in the ninth.

The Phillies have pulled even with the Marlins in the standings (50-74) after the 3-1 series win as each vies to avoid finishing not only at the bottom of the NL East but also in the entirety of the majors.

Rupp, who comfortably caught fellow youngster Nola yet again, hit his fifth home run in the seventh inning to add some insurance to the 1-0 lead Aaron Altherr picked up with his RBI single in third inning.

Aaron Nola appears to be the Phillies' ace in the wake of Cole Hamels' trade. / GETTY IMAGES

The Phillies return to Citizens Bank Park on Monday night for a seven-game homestand as the division-leading Mets come to town.

Following four games against New York, the Phillies welcome the Padres for a weekend series Friday.

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Young, new-look Phils show some promise

MLB. A plethora of new faces replace the World Series core as the Phillies return to Philly this week.

Quoted

"I'm not trying to hit homers. I'm just trying to hit the ball hard somewhere."

New Phillies acquisition Darnell Sweeney

You're going to need a program when the Phillies return Monday night to Citizens Bank Park. Some unfamiliar Phillies have stepped up during the young team's series in the empty South Florida ballpark.

The Phillies offense was in one of those familiar funks until Darnell Sweeney, who was acquired last week in the Chase Utley trade, pinch hit in the eighth inning.

The intriguing, powerful former Dodgers farmhand hit a mammoth 445-foot homer to left center for his first major league hit.

His blast was infectious. Aaron Altherr and Darin Ruf followed with solo blasts catapulting the Phillies to a meaningless but encouraging 4-2 comeback win over the Marlins.

Sweeney, who had 15 family members and friends travel from his native Fort Lauderdale, which is a short trip down I-95, impressed with his power.

"He can hit with that kind of pop from both sides of the plate," manager Pete Mackanin said. "He crushed that ball. He won a starting job (against the Marlins on Sunday). His swing is impressive."

Sweeney, who is a soft-spoken, humble prospect, smiled while recounting his memorable feat.

"I was just trying to get something going," Sweeney said. "I wanted to be aggressive and put a good swing on it."

Sweeney, who played in the Dodgers system with Marlins All-Star second baseman Dee Gordon, spoke to his pal after the game.

"He was saying, 'Five Gs for [the home run ball],'" Gordon said.

Sweeney didn't have to drop a cent. The ball was at his locker. Perhaps the Phillies have a young core to build around. Since the Giants were in a bidding war for Utley, the Phillies picked up the impressive and athletic Sweeney. And Altherr, who failed to get a hit in five-at bats in his brief stint last season with the Phillies, is looking good. Altherr stepped it up in Double-A and Triple-A posting a collective .293, with 14 homers and 67 RBI in 111 games. Altherr, who is noticeably more aggressive at the plate the second time around in the majors, has hit a pair of homers and doubles in four games.

"I'm more comfortable this time around," Altherr said. "I think it has something to do with the experience I picked up (in the minors) this season and also in winter ball (in Venezuela)."

Altherr and Sweeney can each play all three positions in the outfield, possibly giving the Phillies some gap power and strong defensive play.

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Aaron Altherr could be a solid big-league outfielder. / GETTY IMAGES

Phillies notes

Maikel Franco and Aaron Harang are fighting back.

- Franco said that his injured wrist is at 60 percent. "It's coming along," Franco said. "It's still not there yet. There is no reason to rush back."
- Aaron Harang, who has struggled mightily during the second half, pitched well against Miami. He allowed two hits over seven frames. "He pitched great," Mackanin said. "It was impressive."

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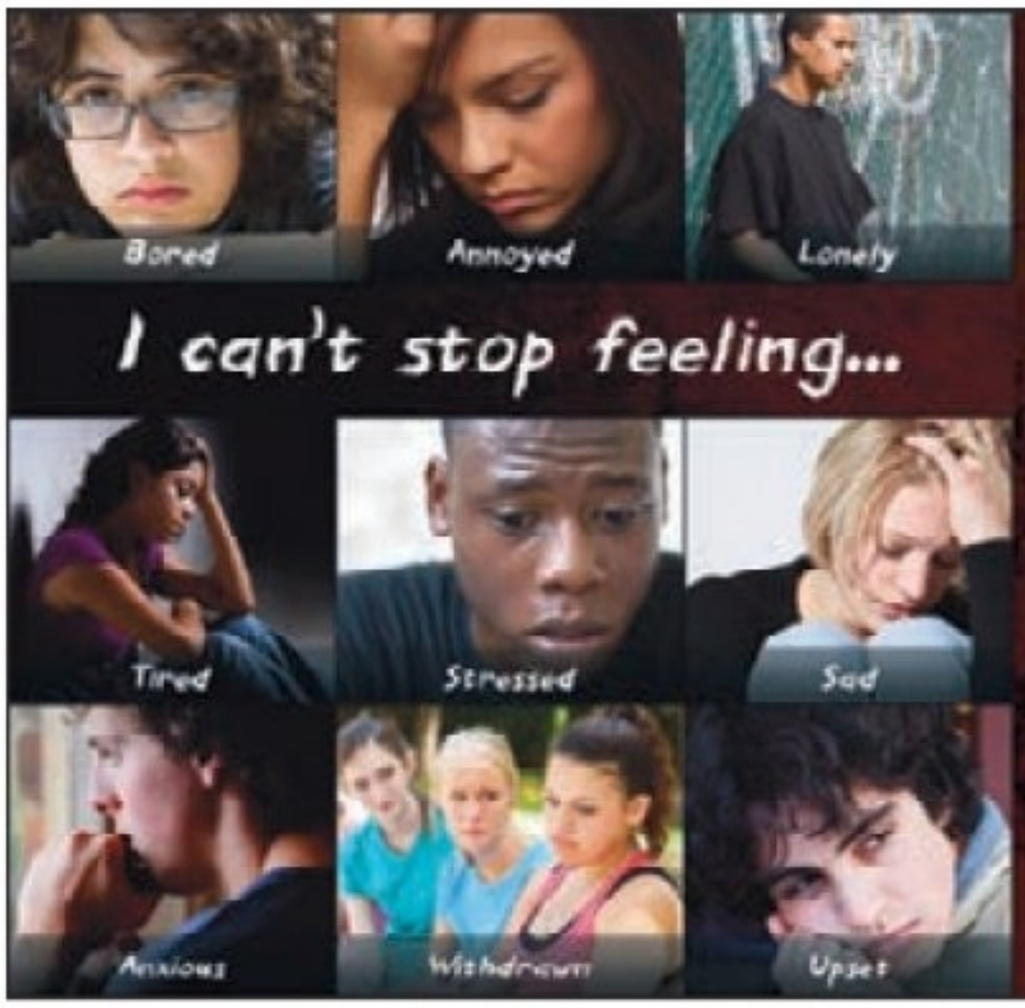

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